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PULSE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ASSOCHAM has suggested a four point strategy for boosting production opulses and achieving self-sufficiency in 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto: and

(d) the other steps taken to boost the production of pulses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)to(c): The ASSOCHAM have suggested a 4 points strategy for boosting production opulses and achieving self-sufficiency in 2001-2002. The details of the strategy are use of improved seeds of high yield varieties, application of sulphur integrated nutrient and pest management and application of NPV (Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus) for control of pod borer inarhar & gram and use of sprinkler irrigation. The above mentioned 4 points strategy had earlier been suggested by the Expert Committee on Pulses. Based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee on Pulses, the suggested 4 points strategy has already been included underthe revised scheme of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) during 9th plan w.e.f. 2000- 2001.Therefore, the implementation of revised programme of NPDP is already taking care of the 4 points strategy as recommended by the Expert Committee on Pulses.

(d): For increasing the production and productivity of pulses in the country, a Centrally Sponsored scheme National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is under implementation in 30 States/U.Ts. The scheme envisages financial assistance to the States for production and distribution of seed, seed minikits, rhyzobium culture, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements etc. In addition, field demonstration and farmers training are also being organised for transfer of improved production and protection technology to the farmers field for increasing the production of pulses in the country.